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Federal Officials Review MORPC's Transportation Planning Efforts at Public Meeting

(COLUMBUS – September 1, 2010) – A unique opportunity will take place Wednesday, September 8: The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation are asking the public to actively take part in the Federal officials' visit to Columbus to review MORPC's transportation planning programs and services.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, in Columbus these organizations will seek input from local community members and the public about the ongoing transportation planning efforts in the region. The general public is welcome to attend and participate.

This conversation is part of the federal metropolitan planning process certification review of MORPC, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA) and their efforts in regional planning for highways, transit, freight, pedestrians and bicyclists. The conversation will allow the officials to evaluate the process used to plan proposed transportation projects and strategies, while soliciting feedback from the public on these important issues.

The U.S. Department of Transportation recognizes MORPC as the official transportation planning agency for the mid-Ohio region. The planning area includes Franklin and Delaware Counties and portions of Licking and Fairfield Counties.